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Man Charged With Vehicular Manslaughter in Death of 101-Year-Old Pedestrian

A man was charged today with vehicular manslaughter in the death of a 101-year-old pedestrian in Boyle Heights, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ricardo Avalos (dob 8/3/73) was charged with one count each of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter and felony hit-and-run in case BA429997. He is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Prosecutors said Avalos was driving a van around 6 a.m. Wednesday when he struck and killed 101-year-old Jose Noriega as he walked across Lorena Street in a marked crosswalk. Avalos then drove away, prosecutors added.

A motorist who witnessed the collision then followed Avalos, cutting off the van. Another driver also assisted by grabbing the defendant's keys, prosecutors said.

Recommended bail is \$50,000. If convicted as charged, Avalos faces up to four years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.